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Kingsman Field Expansion

One suggested improvement for the Kingsman Field is to make a 30-foot section of the alley that is adjacent to the field (the portion of the alley nearest the PEPCO facility at 13th and D Streets) a part of the field. The alley dead ends at the field, and the portion of the alley that would be brought onto the field does not have any access to D Street. Currently, this piece of the alley is a dumping ground and serves very little use. If the alley becomes a part of the field, it would add approximately 1000 square feet to the field. Also, there is a tree in the portion of the alley that would be made a part of the field. If this tree becomes a part of the field, it will provide additional shade for spectators watching games.

This seems like a win-win-win idea. It would eliminate a spot in the alley that historically is used for illegal dumping, it would add more green space to the neighborhood, and it would give the children more room to play. If you have any thoughts about closing this part of the alley, call Suzanne at 547-2477.

Soccer on the Hill

Sign up now for the Spring 2002 Soccer on the Hill season. Opening day will be March 23. Coed teams for ages four through sixteen are forming now. Seven- and eight-year-olds play at the Kingsman Field; other ages play at parks around Capitol Hill. Call 544-5385 for registration forms and information.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- NLPNA meeting, Tuesday, March 5, 7:30 p.m., Lane Memorial Church, 14th & C St., NE. Speaker from Office of the Public Advocate will attend (see article). All are welcome.
- NLPNA Finance Committee Meeting. Call 543-3512 for location, date, and time or to submit suggestions.
- ANC6B meeting, Tuesday March 12, 7 p.m., Old Naval Hospital, 921 Pennsylvania Ave. SE.
- ANC6A meeting, Thursday, March 7, 7 p.m., Miner E.S. 601 15th St. NE.
- Call Box Workshop, Saturday, March 16, 1 p.m., Lankford Auditorium in the True Reformer Building, 1200 U St., NW. (See article.)
- Information meeting regarding D.C. General/Jail Campus, March 20, 6:30 p.m., DC Armory (see article).
- Free Tax Preparation Help, Martin Luther King Library, 901 G St. NW, Monday-Thursday 4:30-8:00 p.m., Saturdays 10:15 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Sundays 1:15-4:00 p.m.
- NLPNA Yard Sale, May, date to be determined.
- Urban Campout, "on hold" indefinitely (543-3512).
- *The Buzz* editorial staff can be reached at 543-3512.

Mayor's Meeting on DC General / Jail Campus

During the City Council's review of the District's budget for 2002, Councilmember Sharon Ambrose inserted prohibitions to stop all construction on the D.C. General/Jail Campus until the Mayor submits a plan for Council approval for the development of the property. The Council has insisted that the Mayor complete a Draft Master plan by March 31, 2002, per the Appropriations Act. In response, the Mayor planned a series of "Information Meetings," the last of which is to take place March 20, 2002 at 6:30 p.m., at the D.C. Armory.

The meeting is not intended to resolve health care or correctional system policies or service delivery systems, but will serve to guide future development for the site. If you have any questions concerning this meeting please direct them to the D.C. Office of Planning at 202/442-7600.

To be included in the **NLPNA directory**, call Elizabeth at 543-3512.

Art on Call

Paul Williams with the D.C. Heritage Tourism Coalition was the NLPNA guest speaker at our February meeting. Paul shared ideas for converting call boxes into showcases for the unique history and culture of our neighborhood. Beginning in the spring, non-profit groups will be able to apply for \$250 grants (the grant must be matched in cash or in-kind services) to rejuvenate call boxes. It is expected there will be a call for proposals three times annually for the next several years. Proposals for grants will be judged on the basis of artistic quality, historical accuracy, and the durability and appropriateness of materials. A city-wide workshop is planned for March 16 (see calendar) to learn more about the proposal process and to share ideas for rejuvenating the call boxes.

There are 16 call boxes within NLPNA's boundaries. At the February meeting, we discussed focusing on the two call boxes across from Maury Elementary during the first grant round.

If you've got creative ideas for renovating call boxes, call Jean Waskow at 547-8095.

March NLPNA Speaker

A consumer outreach specialist from the Office of the People's Council (OPC) for the District of Columbia will attend the March NLPNA meeting. The OPC's responsibilities include assisting consumers in disputes with utility companies and advocating for quality utility service and fair rates. The office also has a role in the installation and removal of public pay telephones. The speaker will answer questions about current utility issues.

Also, a **Finance Committee Chairman will be elected.**

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